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In re Application of	:	
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Application No.: 10/813,674	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: March 31, 2004	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(B)
Attorney Docket No.: 4504-098	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 29, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed April 10, 2006, which set a three month shortened statutory period for response. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 11, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an amendment and remarks; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the non-final Office action mailed April 10, 2006 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Applicant is advised that it is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2861 for appropriate action on the reply in due course.

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